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for his "System and Method for Placing Orders at a Restaurant";  
Filed: June 22, 2001; Our Docket No. 008964/1

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Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application please find the following:

1. Information Disclosure Statement submitted under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b) (3 pages total plus 6 reference documents) and form PTO-1449 (2 pages).
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Sincerely,

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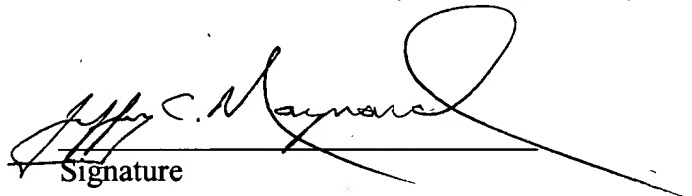
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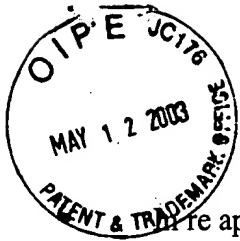
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Enclosed are copies of the following reference documents.

Patent No.

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5,235,509

Mueller et al.

5,664,110

Green et al.

5,969,968

Pentel

6,425,524

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6,435,406

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Non-patent documents

Point of sale, informational and data transfer system comprised of hardware and software applications for the home and business, through infrared and direct connection. For use with PDA's, Laptop, TV's, and custom hardware components, www.ip.com, May 25, 2001.

U.S. Patent No. 5,235,509 to Mueller et al. discloses an apparatus for ordering items that uses screen display that is responsive to inputs from the customer. The display screen represents food items in various categories for selection by a customer.

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U.S. Patent No. 5,664,110 to Green et al. discloses a remote ordering system that uses an individual display/processor unit that receives and stores a user's order. A physical communications link with a computer controls the flow of information between the display/processor unit and a merchant database.

U.S. Patent No. 5,969,968 to Pentel discloses a remote ordering system for use at a drive-through restaurant that allows users to sequentially enter specific item identification numbers and quantities through a remote keypad.

U.S. Patent No. 6,425,524 to Pentel discloses a remote ordering apparatus for use within a service facility to place orders, determine the status of orders, and pay for goods or services. An input device having a processor and transmitter communicates with an ordering station having a receiver, tuned to the input transmitter and a processor to decode information from the input device. A credit card scanner on the input device allows the customer to pay remotely.

U.S. Patent No. 6,435,406 to Pentel discloses a wireless communications device used over a cellular telephone network by which coded item numbers are transmitted to an ordering station that decodes the item numbers and enters the information into a point of sale system.

The disclosure documents from [www.ip.com](http://www.ip.com) describe a variety of handheld data transfer devices that can be connected to a computer, such as a point of sale system, using infrared or USB technology to transfer and synchronize information.

All of the above-described references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449 for the convenience of the Examiner. As stated in 37 C.F.R. §1.97, the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed as an admission that the information submitted herewith is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b).

Consideration of the foregoing and the making of the references formally of record in the instant application are respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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